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SUBJECT: GOE GRANTS AMNESTY TO POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: A) QUITO 8382 B) QUITO 8872

1. THE MEMBERS OF THE GOE SUPREME COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT SIGNED
A DECREE ON DEC. 24 GIVING AMNESTY TO ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
IN ECUADOR. THE DECREE AFFECTS 28 PEOPLE ARRESTED AT A NOV. 27
"CLANDESTINE" POLITICAL MEETING (REF A), AND IT ALSO FREES
DR. JOSE VICENTE ORTUNO AND DR. LEOPOLDO CORDERO GODOY, LEADERS
FO CARLOS JULIO AROSEMENA'S PARTIDO NACIONALISTA REVOLUTIONARIO.
ALL THOSE AFFECTED HAVE BEEN RELEASED, AND THE CHARGES AGAINST
THEM WILL BE DROPPED. THE AMNESTY DOES NOT APPLY TO GEN.
RAUL GONZALEZ ALVEAR, EXILED LEADER OF THE ABORTIVE SEPT. 1,
1975 COUP.

2. THE TEXT OF THE DECREE STATED THAT THE MOVE WAS TAKEN
BECAUSE "IT IS NECESSARY TO ENCOURAGE AN ATMOSPHERE OF HARMONY
AND CONCORD AMONG ECUADOREANS." THE MOVE WAS REQUESTED BY
GEN. RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ PALACIOS, COORDINATOR OF THE JURIDICAL
COMMITTEES RECENTLY ESTABLISHED TO PLAN THE RETURN
OF THE GOVERNMENT TO CIVILIANS (REF B).

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